



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2020/033

Geneva, 21 April 2020

CONCERNING:

Annotation #15

1. At its 18th meeting (CoP18, Geneva, 2019), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 18.321 on *Annotation #15*, as follows:

18.321 *The Secretariat shall:*

- a) *subject to available resources, undertake a study to assess the effect on Dalbergia/Guibourtia species in international trade of the exemptions contained in Annotation #15 for finished musical instruments, parts and accessories, and the conservation implications thereof;*
 - b) *bring any scientific or technical issues to the attention of the Plants Committee and seek its advice; and*
 - c) *report the results of its evaluation along with its recommendations to the Standing Committee.*
2. As a reminder, all parts and derivatives of *Dalbergia* spp. (except for the species listed in Appendix I) and *Guibourtia* species are included in Appendix II, except those contained in Annotation #15 notably:

[...]
 - b) *Finished products to a maximum weight of wood of the listed species of up to 10 kg per shipment;*
 - c) *Finished musical instruments, finished musical instrument parts and finished musical instrument accessories;*
 3. The Secretariat is currently mobilizing resources to undertake the study in paragraph a) of Decision 18.321 (see also Notification [No. 2020/032](#)). Parties and relevant stakeholders interested in providing financial support for the study are invited to contact Ms. Haruko Okusu at haruko.okusu@cites.org.
 4. In the meantime, the Secretariat invites Parties and relevant stakeholders to share and submit relevant information – including any relevant guidance developed after CoP18 – on the implementation of the exemptions contained in Annotation #15 for finished musical instruments, parts and accessories, and the conservation implications thereof, by **31 May 2020**.
 5. Responses should be directed to Ms. Penelope Benn at penelope.benn@cites.org.